

## Message Text

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P R 112156Z FEB 77  
FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2433  
INFO AMCONSUL MONTREAL  
ALL OTHER CONSULS IN CANADA BY POUCH

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, CA  
SUBJECT: TRUDEAU WRITES OFF CONSTITUTION PATRIATION FOR  
FORESEEABLE FUTURE

REF: OTTAWA 0261

1. AT FEB 10 PRESS CONFERENCE, PM TRUDEAU WROTE OFF  
PROSPECTS FOR PATRIATION OF CONSTITUTION IN FORESEEABLE  
FUTURE. DISCUSSING UNRELATED ISSUE OF AMENDING  
CRIMINAL CODE TO INCLUDE SOME WAR MEASURES ACT  
PROVISIONS TRUDEAU SAID, "PROBABLY THAT OCCASION HAS  
BEEN LOST FOREVER, FOR A LONG TIME, AT ANY RATE, JUST  
AS THE HOPES OF PATRIATING THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH USED  
TO BE DESCRIBED AS ONE OF MY 'PET' AMBITIONS. I THINK  
IT IS A LITTLE BIT LATE IN THE GAME TO SUDDENLY PATRIATE  
IT NOW".

2. COMMENT: PATRIATION ISSUE WAS, IN FACT, A PET TRUDEAU  
PROJECT AND IT CURIOUS THAT HE SHOULD BE WIRTING IT OFF IN  
SUCH AN OFF-HAND REMARK. ALL THE MORE SO SINCE ONLY THREE  
WEEKS AGO HE ATTEMPTED TO REVIVE THE ISSUE IN HIS LETTER  
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TO PROVINCIAL PREMIERS (REFTEL). WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL  
PROVINCIAL PREMIERS HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO TRUDEAU LETTER.

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## Message Attributes

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